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G.O. No. 636.

DATED 28-4-1926

[Despatch Abstract.]

Fisheries - Fish Curing Yard - Kilns - Shortage of salt - Responsibility ; Memorial from Yard Officer, T.C.Madhavan Orders issued.

C.F. 80—41,000—8-9-24.

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No. 2058 C/23.

Station Madras Dated the 4th August 1925.

From (Name) Dr. B. Sundara Raj, M.A., Ph.D.,

(Designation) Director of Fisheries.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Development Department.

Sir,

Fish curing yard - Malpe - Shortage of salt.

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With reference to paragraph 5 of G.O. No. 436 Miscellaneous, Development, dated 26th March 1925, I have the honour to report that the Customs records at Hungarcutta were examined on the 25th ultimo to see what became of the 73 bags of salt consigned from Malpe to Hungarcutta in April 1923. The records show that salt was consigned in boat No. 53 from Malpe to Hungarcutta on 18th April 1923 with E.M. No. 120 of that date and received at the Hungarcutta Port on 24th April 1923 (V.G. No. 50). The information obtained from the Hungarcutta Port Office

has been verified with reference to the records of the Malpe Port Office. But as reported already Hungarcutta fish curing yard registers do not show that this consignment of salt was received at the Hungarcutta fish curing yard. There can therefore be no doubt that the salt passed into illicit consumption at Hungarcutta. Yard Officer Madhavan refused the 73 bags under the wrong impression that all the salt due to Malpe 1 yard had been received at the yard. If his impression were correct he would have been liable to punishment if he did not refuse to take delivery of the 73 ~~xx~~ excess bags. Neither Yard Officer T.U. Madhavan who refused to retain the bags at the Malpe fish curing yard nor the Fisheries Department are therefore accountable for the missing 73 bags. The local Salt Department officers ~~xx~~ who at the time took back the bags and were responsible for their transport to Hungarcutta and who have also to prevent the illicit disposal of duty free salt should be held accountable for the loss of these 73 bags. Since it is now clear that the 73 bags were received at the Hungarcutta port, Yard Officer Madhavan does not appear to be responsible for the loss of the salt though as stated in paragraph 5 of my Proceedings No. 2058-C/23 -14 dated 28th November 1924 he should not have failed to count the bags when taking over charge of the yard and that his explanation for this remissness was not wholly satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Sundara Raj

Director of Fisheries.

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To

The Secretary to Governemnt,
Development Department,
MADRAS.

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The Director of Fisheries,

The Asst. Director of Fisheries (Coast).

Sir,

I beg to submit for the favourable consideration of Government the hardship of my case in having been fixed with the responsibility for the loss of 73 bags of salt from the fish-curing yard at Malpe in 1923 under paragraph 3 of G.O. No.436 Development dated 26--3--25.

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As has already been reported to Government by the Director of Fisheries in paragraph 4 of the Report ~~No.2058 C.~~ No.2058 C./23-14 dated 28-11-24, the 73 bags referred to were those removed from the Malpe yard by the Contractor on my report to the Salt Department that they were in excess of the advised quantity for the yard and that I had no authority to receive them. My report was made in the honest discharge of my duties and was based on the accounts of my predecessor, B. Narayana as to the quantity of salt in the yard. The stock of salt as already submitted in my explanation to the Director was impossible for me to check fully and in certain cases I had to rely on Narayana's words as to the accuncy of the numbers.

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At the time of the report of the Director of Fisheries to Government the investigation as to the whereabouts of the 73 bags of salt removed by the Contractor from the Malpe yard was not complete. Apparently in the absence of

any trace of the bags the 73 bags were regarded to have been lost and the loss was laid on me.

I beg respectfully to submit that the 73 bags have since been traced. It has been ascertained definitely that the bags after removal from Malpe by Contractor did arrive in Hangarkatta within the jurisdiction of the salt department, and were taken delivery of by the consignor. There has therefore been no loss of the bags and they did not pass into consumption as they were received back in the discharge of the salt department.

I beg respectfully to submit therefore that since the 73 bags have been received back by the Salt Department and that no loss has been incurred in this regard Government may be so good as to relieve me from the burden of paying the cost of the 73 bags of salt and the duty thereon which to a Subordinate officer of my position is, it is needless to say, a very heavy one.

I beg also to submit that for my omission to count the bags of salt in the Malpe yard on my taking over charge, the only fault committed by me and which has alredy been explained by me, I have been punished by the Department. I beg therefore to request that the Government may be so good as to reconsider their orders in paragraph 3 of G.O.436 dated 26--3--25 in the circumstances set forth above. For which act of justice I shall as in duty bound ever pray.

awarded a black mark and warned vide p 5 at p 90 of F

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I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

T. Radhavan.

Copy submitted direct Fish & Dis 1199/S/25. Y.P. 12.8.25.
forwarded to the Director of Fisheries

U. Karunakara Menon
Asst Director of Fisheries

P. T. O.

Celcd 14.8.25

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Endt. N.Ref.2058-C/23-

Office of the Director of Fisheries,
Madras, dated the 25th August 1925.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, M a d r a s.

B. Sundara Raj

DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES.

N.R.25/8

Telegraphic address:
"Madras Salt"

Post Box No.403,
Triplicane, Madras.

Office of the Collector of Salt Revenue,
Chepauk, Madras.

C.R No. 4719 Salt of 25-10 Dated 26th March 1926.

From

C. H. Masterman Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector of Salt Revenue,
Chepauk, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
MADRAS.

Subject.

Curing Yard - Malpe - deficit of salt - responsibility.

Sir,

In reply to Government endorsement No.2034-II/25-2 Development dated 18-9-1925, I have the honour to state as follows :-

2. In paragraph 4 of his Proceedings No.2058 C/23-14 dated 28-11-24, the Director of Fisheries stated that at the time Mr. Madhavan took charge, April 1923, the last consignment of salt from Tuticorin was being brought to the Malpe Yard by the transport contractor, that a portion thereof had been stored by Mr.Madhavan's predecessor Mr. Narayana and that while taking charge of the balance, Mr. Madhavan found an excess of 73 bags over the advised quantity which he refused to take into store. The Director has now reported in his letter 2058/C/23 dated 4-8-1925 that the Customs records at the Malpe and Hungarcutta ports show despatch and landing respectively of a consignment of 73 bags, that the Hungarcutta yard registers do not contain any entry for the receipt of this consignment, that the local salt officers who took back the bags at Malpe should account for the deficit, that the Salt Department is thus responsible. Other than the uncorroborated statement of Mr. Madhavan there is no proof that the

the Salt Officers received the 73 bags rejected at Malpe by Mr. Madhavan.

Further the 73 bags cannot account for any of the deficit of 202 bags for which the officers of the Fisheries Department have to account. The deficit of 202 bags is a difference between the actual stocks at the yard and the stock as entered in the yard registers. The Director of Fisheries has since reported that the 73 bags were not entered at all in the Malpe stock registers. Thus, leaving out of question the 73 bags, the Fisheries Department is responsible for the difference between the stocks as found in the books and the stock as found by actual counting of bags which -- difference is 202 bags.

3. It is admitted that 73 bags left Malpe and arrived at Hungarcutta on 24-4-23. This fact is proved by the Customs registers. There is however nothing to show that these 73 bags were taken into the Hungarcutta Fish Curing Yard. The Hungarcutta yard registers show that on this date 16 maunds only were taken in. The ~~most~~ mat probable explanation of the fate of these 73 bags is that the transport contractor removed 73 bags from the Malpe after they had been entered in the stock register, but before they had been properly stocked in the sheds and that he was allowed to do so by Mr. Madhavan who -- thought, though erroneously, that they were in excess of the quantity advised. Mr. Madhavan admits that he did not check the entire stock. The contractor thus received back 73 bags which he was not entitled to. These he probably turned to his own account by making good a deficit of 16 maunds at Hungarcutta yard and by selling the rest to private curers. It is improbable that the salt was sold to the public for ordinary consumption as it was Tuticorin Salt which the consumer on the West Coast does not care to eat and which is easily distinguishable by its colour from the ordinarily consumed Bombay Salt.

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4. Under these circumstances it appears that the officers of the Fisheries Department and not of the Salt Department are responsible for the whole deficit of 202 and are also responsible for the disappearance of these 73 bags.

for Collector.

K.P./29-3-26.

Development Dept.

Shortage of salt at the Malpe fish curing yard — Responsibility of yard officer, T.C. Madhavan.

[Cno 2034 II] From the Director of Fisheries,

pp 1-2 C.f. Lr. no. 2058 C/23 dt. 4-8-25

from T.C. Madhavan, yard officer.

pp 3-4 C.f. dt. 12-8-25

p 5 C.f. From the D.F., No 2058 C/23 dt. 25-8-25

To Asst. Secretary

It was reported in the circumstances stated by the Director that it appears that the responsibility for the loss of 73 bags of salt should be removed from yard officer, T.C. Madhavan. The remarks of the Collector of Salt may, however, be invited on the Director's letter.

But he wrongly turned out of Malpe yard these 73 bags. CC 5/9/25

2. A draft endt. is submitted. It may go to Finance (C.S.) for acceptance before issue.

AM 7.9.25 S/CC 8.9.25

(for) 32118/US 14.9.25

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Finance (CS)

Finance 32118 C-S-1 15-9-25 Dev. 2034 II 16/9/25 The draft Endt. may be accepted & the file returned to Dept.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT 12 SEP 1925

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To the Collector of Salt Rev, Endt. No 2034 M/25-2 dt 18-9-25 p 6 C.F
From C.R. No 4719 Salt dt 26-3-26 pp 7-9 C.F.
To Asst. Secretary

Please see the reply from the Collector of Salt Rev at pp 7-9 C.F. The Collector says that the most probable explanation of the fate of the 73 bags is that the transport Contractor removed them from Malpe Yard after they had been entered in the stock register but before they had been properly stocked in the sheds, ~~and~~ that he was allowed to do so by Mr. Madhavan, the Yard officer who erroneously thought that they were in excess of the quantity advised and that the Contractor utilised the Salt to his advantage by making good a deficit of 16 maunds at Hungerkotta Yard and by selling the rest to private owners. The contractor seems thus to have misappropriated the

para 3 at p 8 C.F

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memorial from T.C. Yard officer, Madhavan —
Orders issued.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 436 Dev, dated 26-3-1925.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 2034/II From the D. F, No. 2058-C/ dated 4-8-1925
memorial from T. C. Madhavan, Yard Officer dtd 25/2/25
Endt of the D. F. Endt No. Ref. 2058-C/23 dt 25.4.25

" " To the Coll^r of Salt Rev, Endt No 2034/II/25.2 18.5.1925.

" From C.R. No 4719 Salt & 25 to 182.
dy 26.3.25

ORDER.

No. 636, dated 28-4-1926

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To

The D. F.

Collector of Salt Rev

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2. The Govt. adhere to their decision ~~confirmed~~ in para 3 of G.O No 436 Dev dy 26-3-25 that T. C. Madhavan Yard Officer should be held responsible for the loss of the 73 bags of Salt. The D^r is requested to inform the Yard Officer accordingly.

AHE 22.4.26

CL 2-3-4-26

MA 28/4/26